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AQuESTT for Nebraska ... emPOWERED by Data

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The first ever ***AQuESTT for Nebraska... emPOWERED by Data*** conference will be held April 27 - 28, 2015 at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska.

The new system for Nebraska is developing and the Accountability for a Quality Education System Today and Tomorrow (AQuESTT) process provides the framework for Nebraska Education.

The conference purpose is to provide district and Educational Service Unit (ESU) teams with an understanding of the emerging accountability system—AQuESTT, including the six tenets and related areas of focus along with the systems of support for Nebraska schools. In addition, information about the AQuESTT performance classification of public schools and districts and the designation of priority schools related to LB 438 will be provided along with a number of sessions that include the latest efforts in data use, tools, and training around the systems of support for Nebraska education.

Several pre-conference sessions will target specific audiences. A sampling includes a data collection NSSRS/CDC “boot camp,” Learning Forward professional learning, Career Education, and others.

Registration is now open. More details about the conference will be provided as they become available at <http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov>

Who should attend?

School districts and ESUs are encouraged to send teams to the conference to learn about key features of AQuESTT and about critical systems of support. Suggestions for team members include administrators, curriculum directors, special education directors, assessment coordinators, data stewards, school improvement team members, teacher leaders, and others involved in supporting the systems of education for every student, every day.



Title I Accountability Applications – Due Date: March 2

Contact: Randy McIntyre (402-471-1749 or randy.mcintyre@nebraska.gov) or the Title I Consultant for your District.

Districts having one or more schools identified for Title I Needs Improvement MUST complete the Title I Accountability Application. Districts were notified in January with allocation amounts and information on the requirements to complete the application. These applications are due March 2.



Nonpublic Consultation for 2015-16 NEW PROCESS

Contact: Diane Stuehmer (402-471-1740 or diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov)

Collections open March 10 – Date Due to NDE: May 1

There will be a change to the process for completing consultations with nonpublic schools regarding equitable services for the 2015-16 school year. These two collections are now found in the NDE Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) for the following programs:

- Title I-A: Services for At-Risk Students
- Title I-C: Migrant
- Title II-A: Teacher and Principal Training
- Title III: Limited English Proficient
- Title IV-B: 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Federal Programs Within Boundaries Nonpublic Consultation

Every public school district in Nebraska that has one or more nonpublic systems located within the public school district's geographic boundaries must complete this form. It is the responsibility of the public school district to submit this completed form to the Nebraska Department of Education. A form will need to be completed for each nonpublic system geographically located within the public school district attendance area to document that the nonpublic system was consulted regarding potential participation in a federal program.

Title I Nonpublic Consultation

Every District receiving Title I funds and having resident low-income school aged students attending a nonpublic school will need to complete this collection. The public district is not required to complete or submit a Title I Nonpublic Consultation form for Rule 12 or 13 exempt status schools. A form will need to be completed for each Nonpublic system that has reported having students eligible for free or reduced lunch as reported in the Nonpublic Membership Report.

Each of these collections will provide the public district forms to use when consulting with nonpublic schools regarding participation in the programs. Prepopulated forms are available for download by the public district to use when consulting with the nonpublic school(s). Upon completion of the consultation, the public district will enter the information from the forms into the appropriate collection in the NDE Consolidated Data Collection. Completed, signed forms will remain on file at the public district and may be requested by NDE at any time and/or reviewed during NCLB monitoring.

EMAILS WILL BE SENT TO SUPERINTENDENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO CONSULT WITH NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS. A SEPARATE EMAIL WILL BE SENT FOR EACH COLLECTION.



Title II-A and Consortia for 2015-16

Contact: Diane Stuehmer (402-471-1740 or diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov)

ESUs will be receiving information very soon regarding consortia/multi-district agreements for 2015-16.

NEW for the 2015-16 school year: Districts wishing to assign Title II-A funds will only be able to assign 100% or 0% to the ESU. No longer will districts be allowed to assign a portion of their Title II-A funds to the ESU and keep a portion at the District. If a District keeps 100% of the Title II-A allocation, but wants the ESU to provide some professional development, the District can initiate a contract with the ESU to provide the requested services.


REMINDER!

NonPublic Curriculum Report – Due Date: February 28
Audit Window Close Date: March 13

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

This is required for NonPublic Systems only.

The NonPublic Curriculum Reporting System will collect data on courses teachers teach for use in determining compliance with Rule 10 and Rule 14. The NonPublic Curriculum Report is located under the "Data Collections" tab in the Portal.


REMINDER!

Intent to Participate In Carl D. Perkins Activities FY2015-2016 - Date Due: March 20

Contact Teri Sloup (402-471-4809, or teri.sloup@nebraska.gov)

The purpose of this notification is to request action to complete the intent to participate process for Perkins funding during the 2015-2016 program year.

All public school districts, even if participating in a consortium, career academy, *or choosing not to participate*, must complete the data collection.

This action is accomplished through the official submission of the intent and eligibility to participate in Perkins through the NDE Portal under the "Data Collections" tab.

This specific data collection is entitled "Perkins IV Career and Technical Education."

OFFICIAL Submission can only be done by the District Administrator.

The online system asks district officials to:

- 1) Determine Intent to Participate in Perkins with consortium identification if applicable;
- 2) Validate the existence of all Essential Career Education Components within the School District; and
- 3) Identify the Career Student Organizations offered within the School District

The deadline for completing the online submission is March 20, 2015.


REMINDER!

New NSSRS Validation Errors for Staff beginning February 20

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

Error 224:

Title: Staff Program Code Should Only Be a 2 In A Title I Targeted School (Staff Assignment)

Description: Staff Program Code should only be a 2 (Title I Targeted Assistance) in a Title I, Targeted School. The location below is not a Title I Targeted School) and

Error 454:

Title: Staff Who Has Contract With The District, Missing Salary Information (Staff Demographics)

Description: If the staff member's contract is reported as "yes", Basic Salary and Benefits should be reported. To fix, make sure Basic Salary and Benefit amounts have been completed or report the staff member's contract as "no".

These errors can be resolved through the **Staff Reporting 2014-2015** application in the NDE Portal.

HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of the following options.

If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

OR

2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov

OR

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556

Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

ALSO: If you have contacted the NDE Program Staff person, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

THANK YOU!

NDE Bulletin now available in RSS Feed

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don't forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. The RSS feature can be found at the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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